

## **REMARKS**

Claims 26-33, 35, 37, 38 and 41-44 were pending in the application. In the Office Action mailed June 2, 2010, claims 26-33, 35, 43 and 44 are rejected and claims 37, 38, 41 and 42 are allowed. In the instant Amendment, claims 26-33, 35, and 43 have been cancelled, claims 36 and 37 have been amended to correct a misspelling and claim 44 has been amended to depend only from claim 37 or 38.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. Entry of the amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has identified claims 37, 38, 41 and 42 as allowed and indicated that claim 44 would be allowable if amended to depend only from claim 37 or 38. In response, applicants have cancelled all claims drawn to claims currently under rejection and have amended claim 44 to depend on only on claim 37 or 38.

### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claims 26-30, 35, 43 and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over JP 50101202 A to Miyashita ("JP'202") based on English written translation in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,525,208 to Yasukawa ("US'208") and JP Publication No. 2001-033173 A, abstract and machine translation ("JP'173").

Claims 31-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP'202 patent in view of US'208 and JP'173 as applied to claims 26 or 27 above, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,755,888 to Ibaraki et al. ("US'888").

In the present response, while not acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection, and to expedite the prosecution of the application, claims 26-33, 35, and 43 have been cancelled and claim 44 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 37 or 38, thereby rendering the rejections to these claims moot.

It is submitted that in view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed and passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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